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FERRIS WHEEL TO BE HERE

Contract for Amusement Closed Yesterday by Carnival Committee—Assistant Manager Engaged.

The receipt of a telegram from the Canadian government yesterday morning at regatta headquarters advising that it would be impossible to allow a party of Piegan Indians from Alberta to come to Astoria to give exhibitions of their native dances proved to be a decided disappointment. The committee up to date had been quite confident of securing this great attraction for regatta week, and the information was received with considerable surprise. Immediately upon receipt of this message, in order that a full complement of first-class attractions should be ready for regatta week, Chairman West telegraphed to L. DeWart Barrimore, manager of the great Plantation show, who is at present filling an engagement in Salt Lake with his assemblage of negro talent, to pull up his stakes and come to Astoria. The Plantation show comprises the best negro talent procurable in the United States. From all the best minstrel shows has been culled the sweetest singers, the most graceful dancers and the funniest comedians in order that the great Plantation show might rank the highest in its class.

Though "Samson" is not the longest nor the heaviest snake in the world, yet he is a snake of quite respectable proportions. Samson is a living boa constrictor, measuring 27 feet in length and weighing over 300 pounds. The creature is 49 years old, and was captured by Boer soldiers in South Africa during the recent war between the Boers and England. Samson is the only living boa constrictor in America, and his exhibition in Astoria during regatta week will prove of great interest, not alone to scientists, but to

all who are interested in the animal kingdom.

Mr. Carl S. Davis, who has been associated with some of the most prominent amusement enterprises in America in the capacity of general superintendent and manager, has been specially engaged by Chairman West, of the carnival committee, to assist in the management of the street fair and carnival under the direction of the street fair and carnival committee of Astoria's tenth annual regatta. Mr. Davis is thoroughly conversant with every phase of the amusement business, both in the nature of street fairs and carnivals and exhibitions of all kinds, and the committee is to be congratulated upon its success in securing so valuable a man.

There is always a subtle attraction for the elderly people as well as the children in the Ferris wheel, and Chairman West has been besieged with inquiries as to whether or not such a wheel has been secured for the street fair. Yesterday a contract was closed with the Wooster amusement enterprises for their Ferris wheel during regatta week. This Ferris wheel is over 65 feet in height, and when lighted up during the evening with colored lights gives forth an iridescent glow very beautiful in effect.

Advertising the Regatta.

Oregon City Enterprise: G. A. Wood of Astoria, representing the Astoria regatta committee, was in the city "the latter part" of last week in the interest of the annual event that will be held this year August 24-26. Mr. Wood predicts a very successful meet this year, having found the interest good in every one of the many cities visited. One of the most interesting features of the regatta is the firemen's tournament, and this has a prominent place on the program this year. The members of the volunteer fire department of this city have organized a strong team and are in active training. The Oregon City boys expect to make a better showing than they did at the Portland carnival and are in hopes of landing some of the best prizes.

CYCLIST BROKE NECK.

Salt Lake, Utah, Aug. 16.—Clarence De Ryder, a cyclist, was killed while attempting to "loop the loop" here tonight. When he reached the upper side of the loop the wheel left the track and he dropped to the ground. His Neck was broken.

HAS OBEYED HIGHER LAW

City Treasurer Dealey Says He Has Lived Up to the Provisions of the Charter.

CLAIMS HE FULFILLED DUTY

So Far as the Payment of Interest is Concerned, Law Has Very Little to Do With It.

City Treasurer Dealey denies responsibility for the alleged loss of interest to the city on delinquent street assessments. Mr. Dealey says he is performing his duties in strict conformity with the charter, and is indignant at the imputation that he allows some property owners to escape without payment of interest while others are taxed.

"So far as the payment of interest is concerned, I have nothing to do with it," said Mr. Dealey yesterday. "When a street assessment roll is turned over to me for collection I receive also a warrant authorizing me to make collections. The amounts of the various assessments are shown on the roll. I am authorized to collect the face of the roll, and continue to collect up to the time set for the roll to become delinquent. After that time I refuse to accept payments, and refer property owners to the auditor. The charter provides that delinquent assessments, together with costs and interest, shall be collected by the chief of police. It is the duty of the council to make provision for collection of delinquent street assessments and interest and costs.

"I have used my best judgment in some exceptional cases. Let us take the Exchange street improvement, for instance. The assessment roll turned over to me for collection specified that payments would have to be made on or before February 15, 1904. The improvement of this street was not completed and accepted by the council until July 23, 1904. Is it right to levy interest against property owners in such cases as this? If interest should be levied in such case, it would amount to highway robbery, and I do not purpose to be a party to any such arrangement."

Auditor Anderson upholds City Treasurer Dealey in his statement regarding his duties. "I can find nothing in the charter that requires the treasurer to collect interest, other than interest on street assessments which are paid on the installment plan. The auditor is required to compute interest on installments and notify such property owner, who must then make payment to the treasurer in accordance with the notification. This has been done in every case."

Mr. Dealey handed in the following statement touching upon the report of the experts charging that he neglected to collect about \$125 in interest during the first six months of the present year, and the comment of councilmen upon the matter:

"Astoria, Aug. 16.—(Editor The Astorian.)—With reference to the article appearing in this morning's Astorian, under the heading 'Treasurer in Trouble,' in which the report of the ways and means committee of the council on the report of the experts is set forth, permit me to say that, if the experts had known their business and ascertained what the duties of the city treasurer are, they would find that the city treasurer has nothing to do with charging interest on street improvements.

"The assessment rolls for the improvement of streets are made by ordinance and given to the treasurer for collection. The city charter provides that after 30 days the city council may, at its option, have the delinquent amounts turned over to the chief of police for collection when costs and interest are charged against the parties interested. As long as the rolls are in the hands of the treasurer no interest will be charged, unless the common council makes an order to that effect. Respectfully, THOMAS DEALEY, "City Treasurer."

It appears that the present charter is defective in several respects and city officials yesterday conferred with the idea in view of readjusting matters so that there need be no misunderstandings such as have lately arisen. The council has never yet adopted any of the recommendations of Treasurer Dealey, but some of the members have taken advantage of every opportunity to score him. Twice within the year he has been charged with neglect, and in both instances it has been shown that he was performing his duties in accordance with the charter. When he

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made his semi-annual report January 1 the exhibit showed that he had something like \$21,000 in cash on hand. The ordinance defining his duties makes it necessary for him to keep the amount on hand down to \$1500. Without having taken the trouble to examine the report, members of the council "roasted" the treasurer, and when investigation was made it was found that the available balance in the general fund was but \$140. General fund warrants aggregating \$9000 or more had been called in, but not presented, and the amounts in the various special funds were none of them large enough to allow the treasurer to make a call, although all combined constituted a sum sufficient to make it appear that \$21,000 was lying idle at the bank. At that time Mr. Dealey recommended the merging of all funds into one general fund, but the recommendation was ignored. Mr. Dealey says he will make no further recommendations to the council. He is merely following the charter, and intends to continue to do so.

LOSSES AT PORT ARTHUR.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—The Official Messenger publishes a dispatch from Liao Yang which says news from Port Arthur announces the Russian casualties there in the attacks on the fortress July 26 27 and 28 as follows: Killed, two officers and 248 men. Wounded, 35 officers and 1563 men. Prisoners, one officer and 53 men, eight for the birth of Alexis, held in Liao Yang on Sunday, the officers were invited to dine at headquarters by General Kuropatkin.

Recurring to the Ryeshiteln affair, the Novoe Vremya demands that the Askold, Grozovoi or any other Russian vessels now taking refuge in Chinese ports, shall not be dismantled but shall retain their armaments so they may be in readiness to repel Japanese attacks from which, the paper declares, neutral Chinese waters afford no protection.

To "swap horses while crossing a stream" would be about as wise as to divert any part of your advertising appropriation to uncertain mediums... If your ad doesn't pull, why not apply the corrective and get one that does?

Attention, Foresters.

Court Astoria will celebrate Forester day by giving a social on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., to which all members and their friends, both gentlemen and ladies, are cordially invited. The program will commence at 8:30. There will be no business meeting of the court, so bring your friends early.

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